

An Open Letter
to my Fellow-members of
The Theosophical Society

LETTER NO. 2

APRIL 5th, 1939

DEAR BRETHREN,

For that revivification of the Theosophical Society which always synchronizes with world disasters and catastrophies there is urgent need for a very positive influx of new life in every Section.

There is urgent need that all earnest Theosophists shall bring into touch with Theosophy and The Theosophical Society those young people whose hearts are afire with patriotism, with ardour to right wrong, to protect the weak, and to set great examples of unselfish citizenship. Workers of whatever age in every field of unselfish service should have constant opportunity to understand how much Theosophy and membership of The Theosophical Society can help them.

The advance guard of the world in every department of the evolutionary process

should have within reach the blessings of Theosophy and the inspiring example of those who are members of The Theosophical Society. And in this connection the question arises not as to whether Theosophy offers blessings—it does nothing else; but as to whether every member of The Theosophical Society exemplifies these blessings in lives of service and sacrifice.

In the midst of the terrible darkness which permeates the world and may assail it even more than heretofore, it is imperative that The Theosophical Society in the persons of its individual members shall be a lighthouse warning the world away from the rocks of disaster, and shining forth on the way to a harbour of Peace, Prosperity, and Brotherhood.

It is not for The Theosophical Society, as such, to enter the fray. Its duty is at all costs to keep open freely to all the doors which lead into the great sanctum of Universal Brotherhood. Whosoever shall approach The Theosophical Society, in whatever spirit, from whatever faith, from whatever country or race, must ever find wide open the doors which lead into a refuge and an inspiration, over the entrance

to which shine forth in imperishable letters The Society's Three Great Objects.

The Society must at no time suffer any modifications which detract from their universal application. The Brotherhood declared in the First Object must ever remain Universal and above all differences which may divide it in the outer world. And the Second and Third Objects must be maintained, since the Second Object shows how such Brotherhood may be made wiser and more inclusive with the aid of the knowledge already at our disposal, while the Third Object invites us to explore heretofore uncharted fields of life to the same end.

The need of today is for action—for action on the part of every individual member of The Society to help to save the world, and to give to every sincere worker in the cause of Brotherhood the opportunity to profit from the power and wisdom of Theosophy, even if the next step of joining The Theosophical Society be not taken. Membership of The Theosophical Society is less important, immensely valuable though it be, than baptism in the spirit of Theosophy.

No Lodge of The Theosophical Society in any part of the world should be without its contacts with the young who are in its vicinity, nor without its contacts with those who are truly serving in the work for the uplift of the human and the sub-human kingdoms, even though they be neither members of The Theosophical Society, nor knowers of the wisdom of Theosophy.

There are so many splendid movements for Brotherhood in the world of which the Theosophist should know and whose workers should have an opportunity to know Theosophy and The Theosophical Society, as, for example, all humanitarian movements and organisations working against cruelty and in aid of the oppressed; all movements working for Justice, Brotherhood and Peace, such as the League of Nations; movements for the promotion of understanding amongst the great faiths. As one of the greatest of the Elder Brethren has said :

“Support all work and movements in the outer world which stand for Brotherhood. Consider less what they achieve, and more the ideals which they embody. Do not over-value results achieved . . . In our Lord's good time even the

tinest buds of brotherly striving shall blossom into marvellous flowers, shedding splendid fragrance. Concern yourself with the motive and with your earnestness. These are seeds for your cherishing. Our Lord Himself will see to the harvesting."

Indeed as much benefit must come to The Theosophical Society and its members from contact and association with such movements and their members as they may gain from Theosophy and The Society.

Even if a Lodge be composed mainly of the older generation of Theosophists, the spirit should always be eagerly willing even though the flesh must needs be weak. Neither paucity of membership nor age should be any excuse for inactivity. Members of The Theosophical Society who in these days of most urgent need are only thinking of their own personal Theosophical interests are being weighed in the balance and found wanting. The call and inspiration from every Lodge, from every Federation, from every Section, from each International Convention, must to be ACTION. If the next few years are years of strenuous activity on the part of Theosophists, not only will emerge therefrom

a peaceful and prosperous world, but also a Theosophical Society nobler in stature than any of its preceding incarnations during the past sixty years. Then, indeed, will the Centenary be a triumph which shall lay the foundations of a new world to become a truly Theosophical Brotherhood.

Georges Arundale

The Invocation, O POWERS OF LOVE, given in Letter No. 1, has been printed clearly and attractively, and is for sale at a nominal price, post free. It is convenient for use at meditation groups and members meetings. Please send orders with remittance to Publicity Officer, Adyar, Madras, India.

Buff cards (5" \times 6½") :

1 for 1a. 6p. ; 2d. ; or 5c.

18 for 5a. ; 6d. ; or 12½c.

White Art paper (5" \times 6½") :

18 for 2a. 6p. ; 3d. ; or 5c.

Printed and published by C. Subbarayudu at the
Vasanta Press, Adyar, Madras.